

**MARINE CONSERVATION AND EXPORTS**

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine marine wealth, focusing on promoting conservation and advancing American exports, after receiving testimony from Eric C. Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, and Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark Linscott, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Ted Danson, Oceana, Los Angeles, California; David Schorr, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; Rod Moore, West Coast Seafood Processors Association, Portland, Oregon; and Tom Bastoni, American Seafoods Group, LLC, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

**NEW START TREATY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

**AFGHANISTAN**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on governance and civilian strategy, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Holbrooke, Special Rep-

resentative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

**JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF TERRORISM ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine S. 2930, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, after receiving testimony from Abraham D. Sofaer, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Richard Klingler, Sidley Austin LLP, and John B. Bellinger III, Arnold & Porter LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Evan F. Kohlmann, Flashpoint Global Partners, and Lee S. Wolosky, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, both of New York, New York.

**VETERANS BENEFIT CLAIM PROCESS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working, after receiving testimony from Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Diana M. Rubens, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Peter L. Levin, Chief Technology Officer, and Joseph Thompson, former Under Secretary for Benefits, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Linda Jan Avant, American Federation of Government Employees, Little Rock, Arkansas; Richard Paul Cohen, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc., and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, on behalf of the Independent Budget, both of Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 5730–5740; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1515–1516, 1518–1519 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5381, to require motor vehicle safety standards relating to vehicle electronics and to reauthorize and provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–536) and

H. Res. 1517, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5114) to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program and to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program (H. Rept. 111–537).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010:** S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321